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Important Monthly Indicators

INDUSTRIAL	Aug. 1950	Aug. 1949	July 1950
Asphalt Production (net tons).....	4,398	3,710	2,875
Bituminous Coal Prod. (net tons).....	49,983	37,615	35,350
Construction Contracts (\$1,000).....	1,548,876	905,748	1,420,181
Copper Production ref. (net tons).....	108,465	85,377	96,734
Copper Deliveries ref. (net tons).....	116,083	96,739	95,983
Newspaper Production (net tons).....	557,325	525,778	523,535
Newspaper Shipments (net tons).....	508,544	511,948	546,925
Rayon Yarn Deliveries (pounds).....	82,800	69,200	79,400
Steel Ingot Production (net tons).....	8,195	6,723	8,071
Zinc Production (net tons).....	73,397	73,819	77,668
Zinc Shipments (net tons).....	76,365	74,339	84,116
	July 1950	July 1949	June 1950
Production Industrial (FBI, 1935-39=100)	197.0	161.0	199.0
Factory Employment (BLS, 1935=100)	146.2	136.9	147.4
Factory Payrolls (BLS, 1935=100)	356.2	312.8	302.2
Cement Production (barrels).....	20,709	18,850	20,007
Cement Shipments (barrels).....	23,167	19,321	24,749
Cigarette Production (units).....	27,929	25,806	32,815
Coke Production (net tons).....	6,364	4,950	6,225
Cotton Consumption (bales).....	610,555	454,420	841,227
Electricity Production (kw-hours).....	31,006	27,940	31,608
Lead Production primary (net tons).....	41,520	38,332	44,400
Lead Shipments (net tons).....	41,188	32,502	35,774
Motor Vehicles, Factory Sales U. S.	708,072	578,048	856,618
Pig Iron Production (net tons).....	5,879	4,173	5,633
Rubber Consumption (long tons).....	103,524	70,691	111,012
Tires - Production (units).....	8,264	6,264	8,469
Tires - Shipments (units).....	12,040	7,895	10,194

	June 1950	June 1949	May 1950
Gasoline Production (barrels).....	85,181	79,383	84,801
Petroleum Production (barrels).....	161,332	147,098	159,441
Petroleum Consumption (barrels).....	169,663	154,861	171,599
Coal Consumption (pounds).....	52,000	36,000	57,000

FINANCIAL	Aug. 1950	Aug. 1949	July 1950
Bank Deposits, Total U. S. (\$1,000).....	115,520	88,536	98,500
Bank Deposits, N. Y. C. (\$1,000).....	50,067	36,070	38,757
Bank Deposits, Outside N. Y. C. (\$1,000).....	65,453	52,466	59,743
Bank Sales N. Y. Curb Ex. (\$1,000).....	80,583	66,223	113,040
Bond Sales N. Y. Curb Ex. (\$1,000).....	3,250	4,520	4,160
Bond Sales Municipal (\$1,000).....	301,442	218,662	206,855
Fire Losses (\$1,000).....	40,878	50,150	52,980
Life Insurance Sales (\$1,000).....	2,519,000	1,778,000	2,304,000
Stock Sales N. Y. Curb Ex. (shares).....	34,473	21,393	44,449
Stock Sales N. Y. Curb Ex. (shares).....	8,130	5,330	7,290
	July 1950	July 1949	June 1950
Merchandise Exports U. S. (\$1,000).....	774,100	899,800	876,500
Merchandise Imports U. S. (\$1,000).....	711,100	456,500	685,600
New Capital Flotations (\$1,000).....	579,413	757,152	1,284,734
Railway Earnings, Gross (\$1,000).....	771,661	706,208	779,182
Railway Earnings, Net Op. Inc. (\$1,000).....	84,060	50,508	90,047
(a) 000 Omitted. (f) 000,000 Omitted.			

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—August 1950 and 1949

	(Thousands of Dollars)		P. Ct. Change	July 1950
	Aug. 1950	Aug. 1949		
Boston.....	2,157,100	1,979,030	+ 9.0	1,964,850
Philadelphia.....	4,473,000	3,744,000	+ 19.5	4,109,000
Buffalo.....	433,015	338,531	+ 30.9	379,773
Pittsburgh.....	1,447,482	1,151,234	+ 25.7	1,355,110
Cleveland.....	1,649,982	1,229,363	+ 35.0	1,443,659
Cincinnati.....	876,510	582,129	+ 28.5	840,560
Baltimore.....	1,116,791	937,432	+ 19.1	1,011,468
Richmond.....	672,201	551,218	+ 21.9	542,266
Atlanta.....	1,158,100	977,700	+ 18.5	985,600
New Orleans.....	612,837	479,231	+ 27.9	539,763
Memphis.....	405,332	321,653	+ 26.0	371,321
Chicago.....	3,581,833	2,843,067	+ 26.0	3,329,414
Detroit.....	2,164,918	1,720,434	+ 25.8	1,928,803
St. Louis.....	1,298,895	1,110,325	+ 17.0	1,250,181
Louisville.....	634,207	492,770	+ 28.7	558,174
Minneapolis.....	1,304,327	1,171,656	+ 11.3	1,157,557
Kansas City.....	1,516,914	1,231,437	+ 23.2	1,409,354
Omaha.....	705,717	480,849	+ 45.0	567,142
Denver.....	542,782	444,281	+ 22.2	488,259
Dallas.....	1,254,436	959,176	+ 30.9	1,228,387
Houston.....	1,063,540	824,659	+ 29.0	1,002,795
San Francisco.....	1,981,114	1,504,267	+ 26.6	1,767,602
Portland, Ore.....	813,846	599,543	+ 35.7	735,653
Seattle.....	657,164	513,184	+ 28.1	583,002
Total 24 Cities.....	32,522,049	26,345,139	+ 23.4	29,659,776
New York.....	37,077,950	28,715,350	+ 29.1	30,534,802
Total 25 Cities.....	69,599,999	55,060,489	+ 26.4	60,194,578

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—8 Months 1950 and 1949

	(Thousands of Dollars)		P. Ct. Change	8 Months 1948
	8 Months 1950	8 Months 1949		
Boston.....	16,090,279	15,057,656	+ 6.9	15,566,208
Philadelphia.....	33,020,000	29,857,000	+ 10.6	31,396,000
Buffalo.....	2,983,005	2,688,147	+ 11.0	2,856,300
Pittsburgh.....	10,679,887	10,034,198	+ 6.4	10,146,297
Cleveland.....	11,109,198	10,168,063	+ 9.3	10,949,426
Cincinnati.....	6,211,514	5,644,367	+ 11.8	6,047,457
Baltimore.....	7,842,190	7,075,018	+ 10.8	7,219,132
Richmond.....	4,240,316	4,085,560	+ 6.2	4,075,735
Atlanta.....	8,229,900	7,480,800	+ 10.0	7,653,900
New Orleans.....	4,312,408	4,157,344	+ 4.2	3,966,928
Memphis.....	3,103,703	2,877,918	+ 7.8	3,406,132
Chicago.....	26,009,056	23,723,601	+ 9.6	25,618,122
Detroit.....	14,670,777	12,976,890	+ 13.1	13,195,382
St. Louis.....	9,534,402	8,974,122	+ 6.2	9,461,578
Louisville.....	4,404,460	3,978,517	+ 10.7	3,997,291
Minneapolis.....	8,692,456	8,298,356	+ 4.7	8,934,796
Kansas City.....	10,651,577	10,004,187	+ 6.5	11,238,054
Omaha.....	4,298,114	3,827,770	+ 12.3	4,004,999
Denver.....	3,751,969	3,322,628	+ 12.9	3,476,300
Dallas.....	9,173,555	7,968,588	+ 15.1	8,125,312
Houston.....	7,499,078	6,856,686	+ 9.4	6,960,321
San Francisco.....	11,921,260	10,143,260	+ 17.5	10,970,825
Portland, Ore.....	5,148,653	4,068,156	+ 10.3	5,106,624
Seattle.....	4,280,728	3,792,060	+ 13.0	4,058,978
Total 24 Cities.....	230,101,254	210,260,958	+ 9.4	220,598,686
New York.....	256,974,845	237,085,469	+ 8.4	246,904,433
Total 25 Cities.....	487,076,099	447,346,427	+ 8.9	467,503,119

Summary of Bank Clearings—Monthly—1947 to Date

	Total 25 United States Cities				Daily Average Bank Clearings				Total 24 Cities Excluding N. Y. C.			
	1950	1949	1948	1947	1950	1949	1948	1947	1950	1949	1948	1947
January.....	50,904	58,314	60,040	56,956	2,398.5	2,332.6	2,309.2	2,190.6	27,932	27,697	28,889	25,429
February.....	52,676	50,335	51,914	49,117	2,394.4	2,288.0	2,359.7	2,232.6	24,425	23,047	24,367	22,076
March.....	63,508	60,796	62,712	57,123	2,352.2	2,251.7	2,322.7	2,197.0	29,610	28,882	28,869	25,424
April.....	55,083	54,166	59,310	52,327	2,227.3	2,083.3	2,281.1	2,012.6	26,267	25,245	27,466	24,249
May.....	61,357	55,145	55,898	52,605	2,356.9	2,025.8	2,235.9	2,023.3	30,021	25,711	26,431	24,419
June.....	64,004	59,526	62,694	55,291	2,465.1	2,289.5	2,411.3	2,211.8	30,658	26,886	28,721	24,167
July.....	64,195	54,003	59,032	56,082	2,407.8	2,160.1	2,270.5	2,157.0	29,660	26,848	28,202	24,950
August.....	69,600	55,060	55,903	50,596	2,577.8	2,039.3	2,150.1	1,946.0	32,522	26,345	27,654	24,217
September.....	56,196	56,448	55,082	50,882	2,247.8	2,237.9	2,203.3	2,023.3	26,772	26,573	26,592	25,992
October.....	56,504	56,863	61,340	51,340	2,240.2	2,354.5	2,359.9	2,197.0	27,240	27,117	29,140	26,180
November.....	55,531	57,075	53,371	51,371	2,414.4	2,507.6	2,426.0	2,262.0	26,886	29,084	26,886	25,082
December.....	63,705	67,518	67,712	67,712	2,450.2	2,596.9	2,604.3	2,404.3	28,603	31,087	30,973	29,973
Total.....	678,832	710,008	667,602	667,602	2,235.4	2,344.8	2,213.6	2,190.6	319,990	338,454	306,364	306,364

Summary of Industrial and Commercial Failures—1947 to Date

	Number of Failures				Current Liabilities (000 Omitted)				Total Liabilities (000 Omitted)			
	1950	1949	1948	1947	1950	1949	1948	1947	1950	1949	1948	1947
January.....	864	566	356	202	\$26,436	\$19,159	\$12,965	\$15,193	\$26,556	\$19,159	\$13,010	\$15,193
February.....	811	685	417	238	22,156	27,567	25,619	12,976	22,585	27,695	26,338	12,976
March.....	884	847	477	254	27,900	37,188	17,461	15,251	28,310	38,284	17,554	15,251
April.....	806	877	404	277	21,250	31,930	15,296	16,080	21,500	33,609	15,378	16,080
May.....	874	775	426	178	27,672	24,583	13,814	17,120	22,856	24,600	14,513	17,521
June.....	725	828	463	283	18,072	28,161	12,163	18,982	23,085	29,279	12,163	19,297
July.....	694	719	420	297	19,538	21,804	13,876	20,701	19,538	22,494	14,026	21,512
August.....	787	810	439	287	18,448	31,175	14,442	14,903	18,717	31,720	21,442	14,903
September.....	732	732	398	292	20,598	20,703	10,034	10,034	20,648	20,885	10,099	10,099
October.....	802	459	316	316	23,894	25,114	21,322	21,322	24,129	27,229	22,229	22,229
November.....	835	400	313	313	22,799	24,416	16,145	16,145	23,496	25,059	16,624	16,624
December.....	770	531	317	317	19,251	31,731	25,499	25,499	19,432	32,072	25,499	25,499
Total.....	9,246	5,250	3,474	3,474	\$308,109	\$234,620	\$204,612	\$204,612	\$314,885	\$239,609	\$207,184	\$207,184

United States Wholesale Commodity Price Index

Bureau of Labor Statistics
United States Department of Labor
(Revised) Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices (1926=100)

Commodity Groups	Sept. 5 1950	Aug. 22 1950	Aug. 22 1950	Aug. 22 1950	Aug. 22 1950	Sept. 5 1950
All Commodities.....	167.5	167.2	166.0	164.9	165.6	153.3
Farm Products.....	179.4	179.5	176.4	175.4	177.5	162.8
Grains.....	168.2	167.7	165.5	167.4	168.6	154.6
Livestock.....	239.6	249.4	245.2	239.1	241.6	208.0
Foods.....	177.1	176.5	174.4	174.2	174.7	161.3
Meats.....	260.0	261.8	259.3	255.1	255.3	226.8
All Commodities Other Than Farm and Foods.....	156.3	155.4	155.1	154.1	154.5	145.1
Textile Products.....	152.4	149.0	149.2	147.6	147.9	139.4
Fuels & Lighting Materials.....	134.7	134.5	134.4	134.0	134.1	129.5
Metals & Metal Products.....	174.5	174.8	174.9	174.2	173.9	168.0
Building Materials.....	218.2	216.1	215.1	214.3	212.7	187.9
Chemicals & Allied Products.....	125.3	124.0	121.6	121.7	120.8	119.8
SPECIAL INDEXES (1947=100)						
Petroleum and Products.....	121.9	121.7	121.3	120.4	120.3	111.3
Refined Petroleum Products.....	119.8	119.6	119.1	118.1	118.0	107.2
Crude Petroleum.....	132.9	132.9	132.8	132.8	132.8	132.4
Natural Gasoline.....	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2	91.2

Bureau of Labor Statistics
United States Department of Labor
Monthly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices (1926=100)

Commodity Groups	July 1950	June 1950	May 1950	Apr. 1950	Mar. 1950	July 1949
All Commodities.....	162.9	157.3	155.9	152.9	152.7	151.6
Farm Products.....	176.0	165.9	164.7	159.3	159.4	166.2
Foods.....	171.4	162.1	159.9	153.3	153.5	161.2
Hides and Leather Products.....	187.0	182.6	181.0	179.4	179.6	177.8
Textile Products.....	142.8	136.8	136.1	136.4	137.3	138.0
Fuels & Lighting Materials.....	131.4	131.7	132.0	131.2	131.5	130.1
Metals & Metal Products.....	172.2	171.7	169.7	168.7	168.5	167.9
Building Materials.....	207.2	202.1	198.1	194.8	194.2	189.0
Chemicals & Allied Products.....	118.1	116.5	116.4	117.1	116.3	116.0
Household Goods.....	146.0	146.9	146.6	145.8	145.5	143.0
Miscellaneous Products.....	119.0	114.8	114.7	112.6	110.7	110.3
Raw Materials.....	175.8	167.7	166.3	165.5	165.8	161.2
Semi-manufactured Products.....	152.6	148.1	145.6	143.9	144.1	140.0
Manufactured Products.....	158.0	153.5	152.2	149.4	148.9	149.8
All Commodities Other Than Farm Products.....	159.7	155.2	153.7	151.2	151.0	150.6
All Commodities Other Than Farm Products and Foods.....	151.5	148.8	147.6	146.4	146.1	145.1

United States and Foreign Wholesale Price Index Numbers

	July 1950	June 1950	May 1950	Apr. 1950	July 1949
U. S. (B. L. S.).....	162.9	157.3	155.9	152.9	151.6
Canada (Dom. Bur.).....	166.9	165.0	161.8	160.1	156.6
Australia.....	831.0	756.0	769.0	769.0	634.0
Denmark.....	219.0	238.0	239.0	238.0	215.0
Dominican Republic.....	241.0	240.0	237.0	229.0	244.0
Finland.....	1,043.0	1,021.0	991.0	997.0	903.0
France.....	2,093.0	2,035.0	2,082.0	2,097.0	1,854.0
Guatemala.....	143.0	140.0	134.0	136.0	135.0
India.....	405.0	396.0	393.0	391.0	381.0
Mexico.....	306.0	304.0	307.0	307.0	289.0
Norway.....	205.0	201.0	200.0	200.0	184.0
Switzerland.....	192.0	189.0	190.0	187.0	198.0
U. K. (H. of Tr.).....	238.0	235.0	234.0	230.0	211.0
	June 1950	May 1950	Apr. 1950	Mar. 1950	June 1949
Australia.....	213.0	211.0	212.0	210.0	185.0
Belgium.....	365.0	365.0	362.0	360.0	366.0
Brazil.....	.....	.....	191.0	401.0	361.0
Chile.....	.....	431.0	406.0	423.0	381.0
Costa Rica.....	256.0	246.0	245.0	244.0	221.0
Germany.....	198.0	197.0	196.0	196.0	191.0
Italy.....	4,995.0	5,024.0	5,022.0	5,063.0	5,580.0
Japan.....	17,590.0	17,590.0	17,340.0	17,350.0	16,140.0
Netherlands.....	294.0	292.0	289.0	292.0	271.0
New Zealand.....	193.0	195.0	185.0	184.0	179.0
Peru.....	616.0	616.0	616.0	616.0	605.0
Portugal.....	235.0	236.0	244.0	238.0	232.0
Spain.....	476.0	469.0	475.0	457.0	422.0
Sweden.....	196.0	194.0	194.0	193.0	189.0
Turkey.....	419.0	409.0	410.0	415.0	405.0
Union South Africa.....	206.0	202.0	197.0	196.0	191.0
U. K. (Economist).....	189.5	188.8	187.7	177.4	167.2
Venezuela.....	.....	161.0	162.0	158.0	167.0
1937=100 1926=100 1929=100 1947=100 1948=100					
1936=100 1940=100 1948=100 1949=100					

Dun & Bradstreet Wholesale Food Price Index—1948 to Date

	1950	1949	1948
Jan. 3.....	55.73	56.12	57.21
Jan. 10.....	5.70	6.08	7.28
Jan. 17.....	5.75	6.02	7.25
Jan. 24.....	5.78	5.91	7.17
Jan. 31.....	5.79	5.88	7.14
Feb. 7.....	5.80	5.66	6.83
Feb. 14.....	5.80	5.76	6.76
Feb. 21.....	5.83	5.78	6.61
Feb. 28.....	5.85	5.82	6.70
Mar. 7.....	5.85	5.81	6.61
Mar. 14.....	5.81	5.79	6.70
Mar. 21.....	5.79	5.79	6.72
Mar. 28.....	5.79	5.77	6.75
Apr. 4.....	5.74	5.78	6.72
Apr. 11.....	5.75	5.71	6.76
Apr. 18.....	5.73	5.68	6.85
Apr. 25.....	5.83	5.67	6.76
May 2.....	5.84	5.71	6.88
May 9.....	5.89	5.68	6.93
May 16.....	5.89	5.66	6.91
May 23.....	5.90	5.74	6.94
May 30.....	5.94	5.74	6.97
June 6.....	6.00	5.73	7.11
June 13.....	5.94	5.68	7.18
June 20.....	5.96	5.68	7.10
June 27.....	6.04	5.69	7.14
July 4.....	6.19	5.66	7.12
July 11.....	6.28	5.68	7.10
July 18.....	6.41	5.71	7.10
July 25.....	6.49	5.73	7.18
Aug. 1.....	6.51	5.84	7.18
Aug. 8.....	6.53	5.89	7.18
Aug. 15.....	6.53	5.89	7.07
Aug. 22.....	6.56	5.86	7.04
Aug. 29.....	6.59	5.78	6.90
Sept. 5.....	6.65	5.82	6.80
Sept. 12.....	6.68	5.85	6.95
Sept. 19.....	6.67	5.72	6.92
Sept. 26.....	6.61	5.67	6.70
Oct. 3.....	6.65	5.65	6.51
Oct. 10.....	6.65	5.57	6.48
Oct. 17.....	6.65	5.58	6.48
Oct. 24.....	6.65	5.70	6.47
Oct. 31.....	6.65	5.69	6.36
Nov. 7.....	6.65	5.74	6.36
Nov. 14.....	6.65	5.68	6.37
Nov. 21.....	6.65	5.74	6.38
Nov. 28.....	6.65	5.79	6.36
Dec. 5.....	6.65	5.76	6.36
Dec. 12.....	6.65	5.74	6.21
Dec. 19.....	6.65	5.73	6.23
Dec. 26.....	6.65	5.72	6.21
Average.....	5.76	5.82	

Notes: The Wholesale Food Price Index represents the sum total of the price per pound of 31 foodstuffs in general use.

Daily Wholesale Price Index of 30 Basic Commodities

Compiled by Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., from wholesale quotations furnished by the United Press Associations. (1930=100)

	Sept. 1950	Aug. 1950	July 1950	June 1950	May 1950
1.....	285.52	280.71	269.04	266.14	256.41
2.....	285.87	281.06	271.00	261.49	257.15
3.....	285.52	281.58	270.43	265.94	258.27
4.....	281.65	281.65	272.01	266.04	258.03
5.....	286.58	281.04	272.01	266.04	258.03
6.....	286.64	281.04	271.33	266.08	258.04
7.....	288.14	282.19	271.45	267.77	258.11
8.....	288.60	284.17	271.78	267.69	258.14
9.....	288.89	282.50	271.00	267.66	258.65
10.....	281.71	275.90	267.07	266.03	258.03
11.....	289.68	280.33	275.58	267.00	258.92
12.....	290.17	280.44	276.07	266.19	260.65
13.....	289.92	275.28	275.28	265.46	260.52
14.....	290.47	279.97	275.10	264.87	260.47
15.....	290.51	278.80	274.74	263.84	261.02
16.....	290.35	279.14	274.74	264.47	260.66
17.....	290.51	280.61	275.28	264.50	261.09
18.....	290.42	281.95	276.48	264.51	261.54
19.....	289.88	280.95	276.42	264.55	261.58
20.....	290.27	276.00	276.85	265.43	261.67
21.....	290.76	276.85	276.85	265.44	261.68
22.....	290.92	281.34	278.08	265.24	260.60
23.....	290.97	281.96	278.08	265.24	260.60
24.....	291.12	281.96	278.08	265.24	260.60
25.....	291.12	281.96	278.08	265.24	260.60
26.....	291.12	281.96	278.08	265.24	260.60
27.....	291.12	281.96	278.08	265.24	260.60
28.....	291.12	281.96	278.08	265.24	260.60
29.....	291.12	281.96	278.08	265.24	260.60
30.....	291.12	281.96	278.08	265.24	260.60
31.....	291.12	281.96	278.08	265.24	260.60

(1) Holiday; (2) Sunday.

	High	Low
1950.....	290.97	244.21
1949.....	269.81	236.41
1948.....	308.82	236.02
1947.....	304.62	232.80
1946.....	246.48	181.90

BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 215 CITIES

August 1950 and 1949

The following table gives monthly building permit values by cities and by geographical regions. The figures represent estimated building costs under permits issued to prospective builders within the corporate limits of the cities enumerated. They include new residential and new non-residential buildings, as well as additions, alterations, and repairs. Land costs are not included. The data are compiled from reports furnished monthly to Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., by the building departments of the various cities.

	August 1950	August 1949	July 1950		August 1950	August 1949	July 1950
New England:	\$6,455,730	\$7,345,270	\$6,586,159	South Atlantic:	\$350,470	\$205,489	\$276,506
Boston, Mass.....	3,920,300	514,048	714,315	Asheville, N. C.....	3,376,501	3,590,283	6,077,182
Bridgewater, Conn.....	531,222	91,000	229,080	Atlanta, Ga.....	1,832,504	146,505	147,339
Bristol, Conn.....	384,378	270,460	262,855	Baltimore, Md.....	8,928,060	4,729,164	6,221,370
Brookline, Mass.....	808,450	1,000,493	1,439,211	Charlotte, N. C.....	2,771,519	1,275,574	3,020,470
Chelsea, Mass.....	256,172	44,875	44,105	Coral Gables, Fla.....	1,282,961	514,090	907,327
Everett, Mass.....	84,936	115,317	144,420	Greensboro, N. C.....	1,057,868	470,870	947,760
Fall River, Mass.....	158,278	108,270	541,009	Greenville, S. C.....	1,155,400	884,429	1,039,725
Fitchburg, Mass.....	70,310	103,270	144,855	Jacksonville, Fla.....	1,445,572	2,794,585	2,568,806
Hartford, Conn.....	1,011,942	1,010,825	2,227,517	Lynchburg, Va.....	2,801,857	221,255	197,743
Haverhill, Mass.....	91,900	149,050	144,370	Marion, Ga.....	157,288	124,835	325,914
Holyoke, Mass.....	184,234	153,953	205,745	Memphis, Tenn.....	3,382,807	1,022,427	4,492,259
Lawrence, Mass.....	127,400	761,120	383,075	Miami, Fla.....	1,438,140	704,895	1,067,358
Lynn, Mass.....	1,040,002	1,381,310	244,900	Richmond, Va.....	2,226,076	2,172,202	3,034,261
Manchester, N. H.....	590,935	339,549	443,779	Round Bay, Va.....	1,404,537	784,167	1,039,125
Medford, Mass.....	169,250	83,720	959,091	Savannah, Ga.....	526,580	552,750	508,205
New Bedford, Mass.....	631,220	784,070	314,623	Tampa, Fla.....	3,249,231	619,657	721,671
New Britain, Conn.....	651,975	132,369	231,321	Washington, D. C.....	4,852,791	8,855,135	5,278,777
New Haven, Conn.....	1,317,752	725,421	1,126,108	Winston-Salem, N. C.....	1,208,449	370,402	1,089,784
Newton, Mass.....	508,855	442,585	606,000				
Northampton, Mass.....	585,060	205,917	849,425	Total So. Atlantic:	\$49,473,698	\$31,569,172	\$44,119,420
Portland, Me.....	1,006,150	43,200	899,750	East Central:			
Providence, R. I.....	312,191	189,131	547,756	Akron, Ohio.....	\$5,861,418	\$1,725,646	\$3,428,790
Quincy, Mass.....	143,585	236,075	122,795	Bay City, Mich.....	310,501	250,214	547,057
Salem, Mass.....	103,425	125,496	140,805	Berwyn, Ill.....	1,003,561	169,481	559,580
Somerville, Mass.....	471,345	888,972	611,431	Bluefield, W. Va.....	250,995	721,575	1,211,108
Springfield, Mass.....	1,908,549	1,151,962	1,551,085	Canton, Ohio.....	799,890	421,365	961,070
Stamford, Conn.....	531,250	275,275	551,085	Chicago, Ill.....	28,293,000	12,121,200	29,693,100
Waterbury, Conn.....	1,302,595	475,308	1,084,707	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	4,201,860	4,260,430	8,962,610
West Hartford, Conn.....	2,809,352	480,545	4,706,053	Clarksville, W. Va.....	176,225	102,025	265,675
Worcester, Mass.....				Cleveland, Ohio.....	5,822,700	6,015,200	7,991,100
Total New England:	\$34,639,026	\$18,591,131	\$31,062,528	Columbus, Ohio.....	11,915,690	2,279,920	3,234,590
				Dayton, Ohio.....	1,968,735	1,619,075	2,612,410
Middle Atlantic:				Detroit, Mich.....	18,214,882	19,021,184	16,784,515
Manhattan, N. Y.....	\$6,469,000	\$9,230,000	\$9,833,225	East St. Louis, Ill.....	282,500	1,490,050	1,490,000
Manhasseten, N. Y.....	2,535,047	4,759,400	2,380,805	Evansville, Ind.....	1,353,325	848,550	1,858,200
Brooklyn, N. Y.....	2,844,180	3,012,080	4,740,700	Evansville, Ind.....	389,958	768,768	1,255,642
Brooklyn, N. Y.....	1,760,450	263,610	321,135	Flint, Mich.....	2,151,240	1,753,100	2,732,470
Brooklyn, N. Y.....	6,082,300	2,014,065	6,796,380	Fort Wayne, Ind.....	908,521	769,857	1,072,846
Brooklyn, N. Y.....	1,542,115	1,296,000	1,885,760	Gary, Ind.....	2,307,245	1,213,239	861,143
Queens, N. Y.....	14,182,380	18,658,943	9,525,714	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	1,403,030	2,265,330	1,985,895
Queens, N. Y.....	862,819	547,185	432,125	Green Bay, Wis.....	505,460	536,500	779,910
Richmond, N. Y.....	1,226,860	1,031,600	1,032,171	Hammond, Ind.....	912,245	674,251	1,373,090
Richmond, N. Y.....	331,138	168,245	175,506	Huntington, W. Va.....	1,283,143	1,442,313	901,470
Total N. Y. City:	\$37,858,862	\$41,341,128	\$37,123,541	Indianapolis, Ind.....	6,411,175	3,520,040	2,920,507
101 New York:	(1) Alterations:			Lansing, Mich.....	2,487,155	659,890	728,715
Albany, N. Y.....	\$682,472	\$1,021,185	\$1,341,375	Lima, Ohio.....	288,065	186,685	343,425
Albion, Pa.....	582,250	241,190	2,687,510	Louisville, Ky.....	1,445,613	1,751,151	2,067,885
Albion, Pa.....	292,118	251,449	244,165	Madison, Wis.....	2,952,455	895,098	1,813,000
Albion, Pa.....	480,415	149,142	297,046	Milwaukee, Wis.....	7,200,509	8,223,817	6,832,817
Auburn, N. Y.....	176,800	16,910	93,525	Newark, Ohio.....	154,010	300,000	186,050
Bayonne, N. J.....	167,970	60,810	100,465	Oak Park, Ill.....	172,100	189,615	213,100
Binghamton, N. Y.....	381,557	101,257	547,736	Peoria, Ill.....	853,671	593,306	443,340
Buffalo, N. Y.....	6,463,270	791,218	948,345	Pontiac, Mich.....	888,027	1,191,569	2,143,558
Camden, N. J.....	1,093,600	184,956	694,582	Quincy, Ill.....	183,023	234,995	309,030
East Orange, N. J.....	176,252	272,161	122,965	Racine, Wis.....	767,926	386,805	1,281,732
Elizabeth, N. J.....	284,842	445,975	1,158,021	Rockford, Ill.....	906,485	549,575	1,033,500
Elmira, N. Y.....	105,160	502,445	62,473	Saginaw, Mich.....	624,375	337,530	976,940
Erie, Pa.....	1,387,115	678,865	1,739,185	Springfield, Ill.....	2,137,323	887,550	2,246,147
Harrisburg, Pa.....	4,426,800	881,580	625,025	Springfield, Ill.....	317,763	349,921	713,865
Jamestown, Pa.....	310,424	242,400	182,387	Springfield, Ohio.....	143,400	215,590	79,025
Jersey City, N. J.....	651,600	470,050	163,000	Superior, Wis.....	1,248,425	74,610	165,100
Lancaster, Pa.....	99,906	1,488,802	1,073,576	Terre Haute, Ind.....	194,315	250,370	189,565
Mount Vernon, N. Y.....	177,542	806,892	1,922,071	Toledo, Ohio.....	1,531,620	1,761,885	2,018,950
Newark, N. J.....	2,940,721	557,315	4,069,350	Waukegan, Ill.....	1,130,925	298,509	631,040
New Brunswick, N. J.....	242,491	59,680	49,850	Wheeling, W. Va.....	387,100	216,600	1,061,000
New Rochelle, N. Y.....	520,785	801,475	573,425	Youngstown, Ohio.....	1,490,927	1,071,550	1,169,400
No. Yonkers, N. Y.....	1,551,887	1,508,740	1,508,740	Zanesville, Ohio.....	122,872	26,185	111,170
Philadelphia, Pa.....	18,395,070	7,259,850	14,198,850	Total East Central:	\$124,262,683	\$82,925,164	\$118,101,739
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	3,459,993	2,110,661	5,563,068	South Central:			
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	2,080,619	99,814	214,104	Abilene, Tex.....	\$1,002,477	\$494,486	\$641,828
Reading, Pa.....	109,642	291,661	260,461	Arlington, Tex.....	2,134,874	1,283,077	2,308,756
Rochester, N. Y.....	1,771,244	1,181,168	2,139,349	Austin, Tex.....	2,400,289	2,158,037	3,019,037
Schenectady, N. Y.....	166,854	265,044	276,589	Beaumont, Tex.....	1,325,332	657,302	842,945
Syracuse, Pa.....	1,759,404	384,121	771,342	Birmingham, Ala.....	2,726,392	2,434,765	4,799,264
Syracuse, Pa.....	6,033,490	5,033,490	3,401,000	Chattanooga, Tenn.....	1,599,606	246,620	586,164
Troy, N. Y.....	157,036	114,709	84,807	Dallas, Tex.....	10,001,577	5,607,572	13,060,357
Utica, N. Y.....	322,995	531,975	285,150	El Paso, Tex.....	2,066,878	1,001,059	1,907,935
Watertown, N. Y.....	181,469	2,009,176	55,135	Fort Smith, Ark.....	195,669	416,400	324,727
White Plains, N. Y.....	1,084,646	259,240	321,440	Fort Worth, Tex.....	5,893,831	3,274,728	3,928,692
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.....	123,614	184,805	121,130	Galveston, Tex.....	1,920,494	318,928	318,928
Williamsport, Pa.....	329,953	119,001	168,763	Houston, Tex.....	24,006,126	9,432,691	20,095,504
Williamstown, Pa.....	24,168	41,130	1,775,376	Jackson, Miss.....	1,152,079	1,795,361	1,884,708
Yonkers, N. Y.....	924,000	924,000	1,081,270	Knoxville, Tenn.....	540,784	373,617	1,169,017
York, Pa.....	641,608	117,150	235,581	Little Rock, Ark.....	1,058,235	711,797	2,197,152
				Memphis, Tenn.....	5,860,415	4,914,926	7,427,686
Total Middle Atl:	\$94,481,711	\$75,053,692	\$87,269,536	Mobile, Ala.....	1,455,332	377,226	2,051,217

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BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 215 CITIES—Continued

August 1950 and 1949

	August 1950	August 1949	July 1950		August 1950	August 1949	July 1950
So. Cent. (Cont.)				Mountaineers			
Montgomery, Ala.....	\$1,589,100	\$752,850	\$721,670	Boise, Idaho.....	\$427,166	\$311,308	\$436,382
Muskogee, Okla.....	74,950	113,450	125,660	Butte, Mont.....	171,142	21,554	130,640
Nashville, Tenn.....	3,239,874	1,291,753	2,124,601	Colorado Springs, Col.	1,099,835	139,013	379,010
New Orleans, La.....	4,404,369	3,404,037	7,103,689	Denver, Col.....	8,503,392	3,955,661	6,078,644
Oklahoma City, Okla.	4,572,670	2,001,524	3,418,636	Great Falls, Mont.....	156,790	186,800	113,670
Port Arthur, Texas.....	1,054,000	527,010	336,060	Opheim, Utah.....	1,534,215	350,076	331,950
San Angelo, Texas.....	215,303	406,080	993,992	Phoenix, Ariz.....	2,018,397	801,185	1,716,970
San Antonio, Texas.....	6,086,320	3,103,998	4,701,938	Pueblo, Colo.....	511,367	215,022	519,098
Shreveport, La.....	2,777,969	1,976,932	6,291,276	Salt Lake City, Utah.....	2,376,982	1,729,935	2,634,938
Tulsa, Okla.....	3,457,655	1,657,732	2,421,955	Tucson, Ariz.....	2,284,148	885,100	373,193
Waco, Texas.....	3,020,700	2,247,765	1,087,930				
Wichita Falls, Texas.....	503,519	333,465	662,982				
Total So. Central.....	\$101,389,778	\$53,695,921	\$95,571,771	Total Mountaineers.....	\$19,413,134	\$7,639,760	\$13,793,725
West Central				Pacific			
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.....	\$956,200	\$410,221	\$965,979	Bakersfield, Cal.....	\$965,455	\$190,635	\$889,087
Davenport, Iowa.....	884,154	455,362	2,906,650	Berkeley, Cal.....	870,333	549,033	699,214
Des Moines, Iowa.....	2,780,325	2,220,140	2,770,969	Beverly Hills, Cal.....	1,678,117	507,183	656,409
Dubuque, Iowa.....	328,647	188,773	591,435	Fresno, Cal.....	1,654,497	1,349,497	1,755,726
Duluth, Minn.....	900,837	747,962	746,805	Glendale, Cal.....	1,102,574	746,758	919,506
Fargo, N. D.....	724,135	324,375	1,558,935	Long Beach, Cal.....	3,240,100	2,608,570	4,710,700
Kansas City, Kas.....	1,033,190	351,356	799,650	Los Angeles, Cal.....	31,757,819	21,878,058	36,267,129
Kansas City, Mo.....	4,099,000	2,578,300	4,145,000	Oakland, Cal.....	3,208,045	4,023,026	2,558,319
Lincoln, Neb.....	1,155,895	1,128,450	1,011,090	Pasadena, Cal.....	1,722,430	1,258,619	1,137,761
Minneapolis, Minn.....	6,311,775	4,392,657	6,984,010	Portland, Ore.....	5,035,190	3,366,180	5,335,175
Omaha, Neb.....	2,242,195	1,681,624	1,947,345	Sacramento, Cal.....	2,479,101	274,100	2,674,828
St. Joseph, Mo.....	157,680	114,510	179,569	San Diego, Cal.....	5,660,103	3,170,025	5,853,039
St. Louis, Mo.....	3,403,273	2,105,491	12,633,336	San Francisco, Cal.....	15,173,697	2,508,856	1,131,107
St. Paul, Minn.....	5,625,696	2,220,346	5,125,188	Seattle, Wash.....	1,436,785	5,229,705	4,146,900
Sioux City, Iowa.....	726,900	325,650	1,112,650	Spokane, Wash.....	4,337,659	1,656,569	4,505,098
Sioux Falls, S. D.....	904,203	846,700	1,143,916	Stockton, Cal.....	607,443	489,315	556,800
Topeka, Kas.....	986,225	535,400	1,114,370	Tacoma, Wash.....	2,081,650	1,456,156	3,474,425
Wichita, Kas.....	1,876,101	2,304,544	2,073,308				
Total West Central.....	\$35,749,481	\$23,193,921	\$47,404,159	Total Pacific.....	\$91,586,462	\$54,741,047	\$83,655,330
Total 215 Cities.....	\$550,997,973	\$347,409,808	\$524,978,308				

Building Permit Values for 215 Cities—Monthly—1948 to Date

Total United States - 215 Cities				New York City			Outside New York City - 214 Cities		
1950	1949	1948		1950	1949	1948	1950	1949	1948
Jan.....	\$134,999,161	\$222,489,796	\$286,513,248	\$41,873,214	\$64,741,267	\$44,144,030	\$93,123,927	\$157,748,529	\$242,369,216
Feb.....	345,121,378	244,105,751	275,782,496	51,217,791	77,895,315	74,667,082	197,967,754	197,967,754	197,967,754
Mar.....	448,893,654	325,790,104	318,610,780	88,240,730	38,080,095	40,750,373	400,652,924	287,701,009	291,854,407
Apr.....	445,978,656	347,997,556	364,028,311	57,723,455	38,753,201	34,559,026	388,255,201	309,244,355	320,808,085
May.....	588,904,044	330,581,073	353,079,658	86,101,764	38,898,668	47,446,465	482,402,280	291,682,405	305,996,193
June.....	508,023,104	364,056,022	381,631,119	102,566,255	40,389,432	44,199,607	465,460,840	347,666,963	371,666,963
July.....	524,978,208	315,236,164	346,324,099	37,123,541	26,941,739	36,480,023	487,854,667	288,294,425	300,844,076
Aug.....	550,997,973	347,409,808	375,332,931	37,858,889	41,341,128	49,784,960	513,139,091	306,068,680	325,547,971
Sept.....	590,980,723	363,161,618	375,332,931	46,294,961	74,161,114	88,240,730	144,652,742	288,294,425	288,294,425
Oct.....	570,951,952	304,183,448	375,332,931	54,703,602	35,674,139	46,294,961	325,051,350	268,509,169	268,509,169
Nov.....	306,757,155	282,974,572	375,332,931	37,418,647	49,415,458	46,294,961	272,136,508	213,556,104	213,556,104
Dec.....	310,418,990	275,512,414	375,332,931	41,739,020	46,214,077	46,294,961	258,676,870	220,318,357	220,318,357
Total.....	\$3,918,869,774	\$3,907,708,840	\$3,907,708,840	\$528,528,184	\$541,224,787	\$541,224,787	\$3,390,341,590	\$3,366,504,053	\$3,366,504,053

Building Permit Values for 120 Cities—1937 to Date

(Index is 3-months moving average, based on average of 1920-1930 = 100; Adjusted for seasonal variations; Value figures in thousands of dollars.)

	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944
	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index
January.....	269,459 106.5	196,300 126.3	213,321 140.6	128,559 81.4	165,814 101.7	37,080 28.3	27,611 20.1
February.....	282,201 167.7	194,405 117.5	190,904 127.7	139,718 84.7	159,117 116.1	55,258 26.6	34,602 22.6
March.....	336,916 154.8	255,529 131.0	202,664 113.7	196,744 79.7	835,184 105.6	55,876 26.1	67,046 21.3
April.....	355,064 159.8	283,047 107.7	285,763 119.2	178,146 73.1	197,276 98.0	50,890 22.9	36,371 19.4
May.....	464,053 174.8	257,321 116.4	279,261 117.2	164,828 76.9	187,755 74.0	61,624 24.9	38,833 16.7
June.....	461,954 191.3	317,107 117.0	299,305 122.8	222,814 86.3	161,334 76.3	68,889 26.2	47,947 21.9
July.....	418,124 195.6	240,714 124.1	274,942 129.5	226,942 100.3	176,518 76.0	71,840 34.3	63,669 31.7
August.....	433,953	276,762 133.2	295,797 135.5	206,908 111.2	167,979 78.1	90,156 42.0	111,641 37.8
September.....	311,411 147.3	284,218 134.9	245,261 119.9	245,261 119.9	143,839 73.1	100,080 50.0	63,074 43.9
October.....	309,573 150.8	246,781 130.8	206,638 128.1	137,278 72.0	122,912 63.4	96,912 36.9	76,185 43.3
November.....	245,112 145.9	204,659 128.5	227,903 135.7	130,774 71.3	134,099 78.1	87,362 36.1	74,340 44.2
December.....	249,302 153.4	226,846 128.7	255,387 143.4	129,250 76.6	165,318 93.5	33,673 31.2	33,673 31.2
Total.....	3,131,076	3,111,251	2,469,870	2,086,918	2,028,028	708,505	708,505
	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index
January.....	24,252 16.2	52,376 40.7	69,163 54.1	72,062 43.6	76,834 45.8	137,651 60.2	57,477 41.6
February.....	24,252 16.2	52,376 40.7	69,163 54.1	72,062 43.6	76,834 45.8	137,651 60.2	57,477 41.6
March.....	20,854 13.6	83,602 38.1	115,786 48.2	91,429 41.4	91,860 38.3	83,151 36.0	102,468 42.2
April.....	19,017 14.5	91,747 32.1	115,076 48.2	97,743 39.4	77,913 38.1	67,540 26.1	96,759 37.8
May.....	41,256 15.2	65,320 27.4	119,214 46.6	101,382 39.6	90,000 36.6	62,290 27.6	79,441 34.6
June.....	31,494 16.0	49,167 22.5	108,651 51.4	99,721 41.7	100,397 41.7	73,272 31.9	75,058 33.1
July.....	37,739 16.0	45,921 20.4	127,303 49.4	95,764 41.7	82,869 42.2	123,107 43.4	75,058 33.1
August.....	41,221 18.6	49,528 21.9	95,166 50.8	91,442 45.2	100,016 42.8	85,095 47.8	50,408 34.3
September.....	37,118 19.7	49,277 20.8	96,214 47.5	95,652 46.9	85,590 46.7	85,412 41.8	70,397 35.0
October.....	41,658 21.0	45,472 19.7	99,169 47.3	111,870 50.9	131,120 48.1	85,114 41.7	74,134 42.2
November.....	42,852 21.7	28,322 17.8	76,245 45.4	85,133 52.6	85,426 47.7	74,370 41.8	57,440 44.2
December.....	36,393 20.6	53,641 17.2	75,256 40.4	93,149 53.6	90,437 43.6	73,924 45.2	108,479 40.0
Total.....	418,961	643,620	1,196,043	1,106,480	1,028,812	965,836	940,260

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

TABULATED BY DUN & BRADSTREET, INC.

	1949				1950											
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	4th Quar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	1st Quar.	Apr.	May	June	2nd Quar.	July	Aug.	Sept.	3rd Quar.
Alabama.....	65	65	34	164	71	86	71	228	68	62	66	196	67			
Arizona.....	38	50	49	137	65	51	64	180	47	63	62	172	44			
Arkansas.....	31	32	25	88	70	41	55	166	51	41	49	141	41			
California.....	531	490	535	1,556	644	565	697	1,906	657	651	691	1,909	529			
Colorado.....	47	61	52	160	88	74	55	217	57	67	88	212	56			
Connecticut.....	119	113	125	357	152	127	119	398	127	129	133	389	116			
Delaware.....	189	188	204	581	212	164	215	591	187	217	235	641	169			
District of Columbia.....	268	307	318	893	291	280	356	927	337	380	380	1,097	365			
Florida.....	87	93	97	277	126	116	154	396	132	128	113	373	93			
Georgia.....	33	30	40	120	52	36	36	107	37	29	37	117	16			
Idaho.....	33	30	42	124	44	377	433	1,254	480	435	487	1,402	346			
Illinois.....	104	95	151	350	140	106	177	423	130	137	143	410	114			
Indiana.....	42	42	55	139	55	56	52	163	58	62	69	189	40			
Iowa.....	28	31	40	99	37	55	92	184	61	70	50	181	51			
Kansas.....	43	48	67	158	64	63	87	214	57	66	64	187	44			
Kentucky.....	83	56	52	191	103	80	90	273	85	90	108	283	98			
Louisiana.....	34	31	47	112	43	26	30	99	35	53	32	120	27			
Maine.....	106	108	151	365	166	126	151	433	130	101	103	484	133			
Maryland.....	128	253	190	506	277	219	246	778	254	301	279	834	226			
Massachusetts.....	11	15	19	50	16	21	24	743	203	239	263	705	206			
Michigan.....	191	186	149	526	179	219	247	743	203	239	263	705	206			
Minnesota.....	93	75	119	287	119	100	103	322	101	110	114	325	90			
Mississippi.....	23	30	38	91	42	37	51	130	43	47	53	143	38			
Missouri.....	115	123	142	380	136	126	154	416	172	155	164	491	126			
Montana.....	24	14	37	75	35	27	28	90	22	33	26	81	30			
Nebraska.....	29	34	35	98	30	31	38	99	28	35	33	96	38			
Nevada.....	32	34	47	113	45	50	35	130	50	52	41	109	27			
New Hampshire.....	15	21	37	133	56	48	63	186	38	30	41	109	27			
New Jersey.....	459	447	471	1,377	582	488	638	1,708	570	570	540	1,680	481			
New Mexico.....	25	16	22	63	22	24	40	86	37	26	22	85	17			
New York.....	1,730	1,762	1,860	5,358	2,466	1,983	2,366	6,845	1,991	2,337	2,206	6,534	1,625			
North Carolina.....	78	87	143	308	120	127	111	358	111	117	87	264	111			
North Dakota.....	15	13	20	48	15	15	10	40	7	9	4	20	15			
Oklahoma.....	381	366	458	1,205	542	457	493	1,492	480	474	377	1,331	413			
Oregon.....	78	70	92	240	89	93	100	283	105	117	70	301	87			
Pennsylvania.....	59	53	52	164	74	48	73	195	74	68	79	201	87			
Rhode Island.....	227	266	263	716	215	252	319	786	268	284	295	847	218			
South Carolina.....	41	38	60	159	61	69	77	207	59	64	63	166	64			
South Dakota.....	47	45	63	155	75	61	70	206	66	78	82	186	64			
Tennessee.....	10	14	22	46	17	15	22	54	15	17	20	52	22			
Texas.....	65	74	82	221	97	83	101	281	92	94	111	297	73			
Utah.....	279	229	239	747	345	309	380	1,034	353	404	374	1,131	293			
Vermont.....	25	26	29	80	36	34	30	100	32	36	40	108	25			
Virginia.....	12	10	17	39	23	16	14	33	21	22	22	50	10			
Washington.....	83	78	99	260	115	121	112	348	127	125	120	373	70			
West Virginia.....	86	104	100	290	115	93	149	155	151	143	120	471	153			
Wisconsin.....	55	51	48	154	64	64	138	373	138	173	135	446	119			
Wyoming.....	100	94	159	353	122	113	135	373	138	173	135	446	119			
Total 48 States..	6,877	6,755	7,857	21,489	9,070	7,736	9,180	25,986	8,375	9,216	8,861	26,452	7,191			

Failures by Industrial Groups—Monthly—1948 to Date

1948	Total Number	Mining & Mfg.	% of Total	Wholesale Trade	% of Total	Retail Trade	% of Total	Construction	% of Total	Commercial Service	% of Total
January	356	108	30.3	43	12.1	153	43.0	23	6.5	29	8.1
February	417	151	36.2	35	8.4	165	39.6	22	5.3	44	10.5
March	477	136	28.5	57	11.9	194	40.7	43	9.0	47	9.9
April	404	99	24.5	50	12.4	175	43.3	30	7.4	50	12.4
May	426	135	31.7	72	16.9	158	37.1	31	7.3	30	7.0
June	463	110	23.8	54	11.6	194	41.9	35	7.6	49	10.6
July	420	119	28.3	62	14.8	166	39.5	36	8.6	37	8.8
August	439	109	24.8	61	13.9	194	44.2	40	9.1	35	8.0
September	398	98	24.6	52	13.1	173	43.5	37	9.3	38	9.5
October	459	112	24.4	69	15.0	188	41.0	40	8.7	50	10.9
November	460	129	28.1	55	12.0	208	45.2	37	8.0	31	6.7
December	531	155	29.2	59	11.1	217	40.9	64	12.0	36	6.8
Total Year	5,250	1,481	28.2	669	12.7	2,185	41.6	439	8.4	476	9.1
1949											
January	566	129	22.8	76	13.4	267	47.2	53	9.4	41	7.2
February	685	170	24.8	90	13.2	316	46.4	63	9.2	44	6.4
March	847	215	25.4	102	12.0	366	43.2	77	9.1	87	10.3
April	877	229	26.2	98	11.2	406	46.2	68	7.7	76	8.7
May	775	202	26.1	101	13.0	351	45.3	63	8.1	58	7.5
June	828	215	26.0	92	11.1	372	44.9	74	8.9	75	9.1
July	710	188	26.5	77	10.7	344	47.8	61	8.5	49	6.8
August	821	223	27.3	96	11.6	475	57.9	55	6.8	51	6.2
September	732	183	25.0	82	11.2	329	44.9	71	9.7	67	9.2
October	802	181	22.6	109	13.6	364	45.4	90	11.2	58	7.2
November	835	197	23.6	97	11.6	395	47.3	83	9.9	63	7.6
December	770	201	26.1	90	11.7	340	44.3	80	10.4	50	6.5
Total Year	9,246	2,331	25.2	1,110	12.0	4,246	46.0	838	9.1	721	7.7
1950											
January	864	225	26.1	110	12.7	403	46.6	65	7.5	61	7.1
February	1000	210	21.0	100	10.0	399	40.0	73	7.3	69	6.9
March	884	206	23.3	116	13.1	402	45.5	86	9.7	74	8.4
April	806	195	24.2	93	11.5	398	49.4	76	9.4	44	5.5
May	874	197	22.5	109	12.5	426	48.7	80	9.2	62	7.1
June	725	197	27.1	67	9.2	361	50.1	67	9.2	67	9.2
July	694	151	21.8	73	10.5	343	49.4	65	9.4	60	8.9
August	787	173	22.0	70	8.9	402	51.1	91	11.5	51	6.5
September	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
October	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
November	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Year	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Failures by Size of Liabilities—Monthly—1948 to Date

1948	Total Number	Under \$5,000	% of Total	\$5,000 to \$25,000	% of Total	\$25,000 to \$100,000	% of Total	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	% of Total	\$1,000,000 and Over	% of Total
January	356	57	16.0	185	52.0	84	23.6	29	8.1	1	0.3
February	417	61	14.6	215	51.6	100	24.0	37	8.9	4	0.9
March	477	80	16.8	245	51.4	116	24.3	34	7.1	2	0.4
April	404	54	14.9	234	58.4	99	24.5	29	7.2	..	..
May	426	71	16.7	236	55.4	92	21.6	27	6.3	..	..
June	463	90	19.5	246	53.1	107	23.1	20	4.3	..	..
July	420	64	15.2	219	52.2	110	26.2	27	6.4	..	..
August	439	75	17.1	256	58.3	84	19.1	22	5.0	2	0.5
September	398	68	17.1	202	50.7	99	24.9	25	6.3	4	1.0
October	459	78	16.9	240	52.1	101	21.9	35	7.8	5	1.1
November	460	70	15.2	246	53.5	105	22.8	26	5.7	3	0.7
December	531	73	13.7	265	50.1	118	22.2	53	10.0	2	0.4
Total Year	5,250	846	16.1	2,799	53.3	1,208	23.0	374	7.1	23	0.5
1949											
January	566	85	15.0	323	57.1	126	22.2	31	5.5	1	0.2
February	685	108	15.8	357	52.1	175	25.5	43	6.3	2	0.3
March	847	142	16.8	422	49.8	217	25.6	60	7.1	4	0.5
April	877	187	21.3	451	51.5	192	21.9	45	5.1	2	0.2
May	775	172	22.3	434	56.0	201	25.9	42	5.4	1	0.1
June	828	158	19.1	415	50.1	203	24.5	52	6.3	..	..
July	710	163	22.7	351	48.8	167	23.2	37	5.2	1	0.1
August	821	162	20.0	404	49.2	186	22.7	56	6.9	2	0.2
September	732	180	24.6	366	50.0	149	20.2	37	5.1	1	0.1
October	802	178	22.2	392	49.0	188	23.4	42	5.2	2	0.3
November	835	203	24.3	427	51.1	165	19.8	38	4.6	2	0.2
December	770	192	24.9	364	47.3	179	23.2	35	4.6	..	..
Total Year	9,246	1,915	20.6	4,646	50.4	2,147	23.2	520	5.6	18	0.2
1950											
January	864	180	20.8	449	52.0	194	22.5	39	4.5	2	0.2
February	1000	181	18.1	404	40.4	180	18.0	40	4.0	..	..
March	884	166	18.8	458	51.8	208	23.5	50	5.7	..	..
April	806	172	21.3	416	51.6	169	20.9	49	6.1	..	..
May	874	197	22.5	450	51.5	186	21.3	41	4.7	..	..
June	725	169	23.3	373	51.5	151	20.8	31	4.3	1	0.1
July	694	140	20.2	363	52.3	159	22.9	32	4.6
August	787	177	22.5	427	54.3	161	20.4	21	2.7	1	0.1
September
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December
Total Year

Failures by Divisions of Industry—August 1950

	Number of Failures			Current Liabilities (Thousands of Dollars)		
	Aug. 1950	8 Months 1950	1949	Aug. 1950	8 Months 1950	1949
Mining & Manufacturing						
Mining-Coal, Oil, Misc.	1	17	45	1	2,030	5,803
Food & Kindred Products	25	181	187	2,396	11,679	15,710
Textile Mill Prods. & Eng'g.	33	302	232	958	10,538	12,169
Lumber & Products	30	231	257	832	7,837	14,449
Paper, Printing & Pub.	8	81	67	198	4,549	4,630
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	4	35	48	530	4,801	1,795
Leather & Products	8	72	63	279	2,179	2,432
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	5	42	37	422	2,119	2,088
Iron, Steel & Products	4	54	109	225	4,040	8,516
Machinery	17	158	191	525	7,792	19,560
Transportation Equipment	9	48	60	262	3,419	5,280
Miscellaneous	29	263	273	567	8,604	13,673
Total Mining & Mfg.	173	1,484	1,569	7,225	69,526	106,105
Wholesale Trade						
Food & Farm Products	21	198	207	389	8,551	9,437
Apparel	2	30	41	134	1,068	1,859
Dry Goods	14	14	20	11	398	519
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls. & Hdw.	5	78	77	170	3,715	4,037
Chemicals & Drugs	3	27	36	38	635	1,261
Motor Vehicles & Auto Equip.	9	52	47	284	1,366	1,574
Miscellaneous	29	359	304	1,213	10,361	12,875
Total Wholesale Trade	70	738	732	2,228	26,116	31,555
Retail Trade						
Food & Liquor	93	640	599	884	7,044	7,405
General Merchandise	92	164	112	300	4,111	4,144
Apparel & Accessories	65	530	401	854	9,572	6,640
Furniture, Home Furnishings	41	330	314	840	7,107	6,801
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls. & Hdw.	20	190	166	253	3,804	3,820
Automotive Groups	16	303	280	584	5,054	5,214
Eating & Drinking Places	39	582	508	1,315	10,598	10,529
Drug Stores	11	80	73	241	1,299	1,445
Miscellaneous	25	317	316	388	4,870	4,890
Total Retail Trade	402	3,136	2,809	5,685	53,519	48,298
Construction						
Gen'l Bldg. Contractors	25	184	209	455	5,575	10,286
Building Sub-Contractors	63	366	282	619	7,730	4,600
Other Contractors	3	27	23	139	1,159	2,046
Total Construction	91	577	514	1,213	14,464	16,932
Commercial Services						
Pass. & Freight Transp.	9	114	157	157	3,367	8,170
Misc. Public Services	1	23	12	29	755	4,735
Hotels	4	23	20	90	1,666	820
Cleaning/Dyeing/Reupholst.	8	65	67	67	736	1,104
Laundries	8	32	30	119	702	853
Undertakers	2	9	6	18	179	105
Other Personal Services	4	40	40	47	497	594
Business & Rep. Services	15	184	151	1,550	4,945	6,365
Total Commercial Service	51	490	483	2,077	12,847	18,677
Total United States	787	6,445	6,107	18,448	176,472	221,567

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Failures in Large Cities—August 1950

City: 1940 Population Ranking	Number of Failures			Current Liabilities (Thousands of Dollars)		
	Aug. 1950	8 Months 1950	1949	Aug. 1950	8 Months 1950	1949
New York, N. Y.	175	1,185	748	3,548	32,050	41,563
Chicago, Ill.	25	260	255	404	6,481	12,671
Philadelphia, Pa.	12	119	171	117	2,488	5,124
Detroit, Mich.	10	22	112	262	3,450	3,359
Los Angeles, Calif.	46	339	335	716	8,737	9,645
Cleveland, Ohio	7	82	159	130	1,682	4,061
Baltimore, Md.	11	83	76	177	1,714	1,825
St. Louis, Mo.	3	41	56	50	2,018	1,492
Boston, Mass.	12	112	113	179	2,908	3,849
Pittsburgh, Pa.	6	46	30	40	642	1,115
Washington, D. C.	1	16	23	11	565	918
San Francisco, Calif.	9	81	80	145	3,492	2,697
Milwaukee, Wis.	3	50	50	29	1,178	1,591
Buffalo, N. Y.	8	48	42	93	2,366	2,809
New Orleans, La.	7	19	31	53	697	511
Minneapolis, Minn.	2	14	24	14	299	691
Cincinnati, Ohio	3	15	31	11	294	1,105
Newark, N. J.	3	41	11	420	1,741	2,365
Kansas City, Mo.	3	18	23	73	568	1,431
Indianapolis, Ind.	1	11	9	11	335	181
Houston, Texas	3	44	20	86	1,805	625
Seattle, Wash.	9	48	37	102	1,149	1,927
Cincinnati, N. Y.	4	36	37	64	482	299
Louisville, Ky.	1	8	13	11	72	380
Denver, Colo.	1	20	15	11	1,814	318
Total 25 Cities	555	2,877	2,468	8,547	81,049	101,092
Balance of Country	431	3,568	3,639	10,881	95,423	120,475
Total United States	787	6,445	6,107	18,448	176,472	221,567

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United States Failures by States—August 1950

	Number of Failures			Current Liabilities (Thousands of Dollars)		
	Aug. 1950	8 Months 1950	1949	Aug. 1950	8 Months 1950	1949
New England						
Maine	1	26	29	6	675	542
New Hampshire	7	33	14	70	832	702
Vermont	1	9	13	11	146	311
Massachusetts	41	348	402	857	7,752	10,517
Connecticut	9	112	123	268	2,819	6,243
Rhode Island	5	64	83	35	1,193	1,469
Total New England	63	592	664	1,236	13,417	19,784
Middle Atlantic						
New York	221	1,491	972	5,574	41,033	51,380
New Jersey	21	242	236	946	7,087	3,667
Pennsylvania	14	364	375	827	6,160	20,938
Total Middle Atl.	276	2,027	1,583	7,347	54,880	75,985
East No. Central						
Ohio	24	247	307	598	5,553	10,597
Indiana	8	50	57	432	2,190	2,590
Illinois	39	362	392	1,027	9,415	15,912
Michigan	26	184	253	405	5,938	9,218
Wisconsin	21	192	175	565	4,154	4,581
Total East No. Cent.	120	1,035	1,184	3,027	27,259	42,598
West No. Central						
Minnesota	5	33	51	117	970	2,295
Iowa	4	34	31	112	934	787
Missouri	14	95	154	204	4,264	4,634
North Dakota	1	4	1	1	208	20
South Dakota	1	6	3	30	102	28
Nebraska	3	28	29	19	594	1,085
Kansas	1	21	10	6	325	480
Total West No. Cent.	28	225	279	488	7,417	9,327
South Atlantic						
Maryland	15	110	97	301	4,288	2,647
Delaware	1	3	5	1	139	107
Dist. of Columbia	1	16	25	1	566	978
Virginia	7	75	64	134	1,638	1,429
West Virginia	5	38	54	168	1,414	1,519
North Carolina	4	65	45	36	2,098	1,749
South Carolina	1	10	11	1	725	320
Georgia	3	78	62	14	1,717	2,366
Florida	15	102	146	227	2,534	5,354
Total So. Atlantic	49	497	529	880	15,139	16,469
East So. Central						
Kentucky	5	36	48	100	667	1,162
Tennessee	4	44	66	30	640	1,764
Alabama	12	39	49	427	1,146	1,286
Mississippi	2	38	34	16	800	758
Total East So. Cent.	23	157	197	569	3,453	4,970
West So. Central						
Arkansas	5	28	23	63	927	803
Oklahoma	6	30	42	58	526	1,444
Louisiana	5	42	63	60	1,389	1,111
Texas	10	115	144	204	4,937	6,779
Total West So. Cent.	26	236	272	395	8,179	8,107
Mountain						
Montana	1	5	6	1	249	180
Idaho	2	15	5	12	465	99
Wyoming	1	3	3	15	27	50
Colorado	1	47	26	20	2,224	650
New Mexico	1	5	11	18	155	196
Arizona	7	51	23	160	1,094	1,096
Utah	2	18	16	35	287	437
Nevada	1	9	7	50	285	648
Total Mountain	15	153	97	310	4,786	3,356
Pacific						
Washington	22	137	77	270	2,953	2,154
Oregon	7	131	163	60	2,425	4,368
California	158	1,252	1,062	3,866	36,364	34,440
Total Pacific	187	1,520	1,302	4,196	41,742	40,971
Total United States	787	6,445	6,107	18,448	176,472	221,567

Canadian Failures by Provinces—August 1950

	Number of Failures			Current Liabilities (Thousands of Dollars)		
	Aug. 1950	8 Months 1950	1949	Aug. 1950	8 Months 1950	1949
Prince Edward Island	1	3	2	1	108	58
Nova Scotia	2	6	1	130	220	750
New Brunswick	6	18	11	58	440	100
Quebec	33	320	257	728	6,632	6,191
Ontario	14	90	65	236	2,055	2,153
Manitoba	1	6	13	1	107	400
Saskatchewan	1	15	2	3	6	26
Alberta	1	15	2	1	337	8
British Columbia	1	2	2	1	944	557
Newfoundland	1	4	1	1	80	1
Total Canada	57	492	376	1,160	10,931	10,249

Failures by Industrial Groups and Size of Liabilities—August 1950

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

	August 1950				January to August 1950				January to August 1949			
	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.
Mining & Manufacturing.....	173	100.0	7,225	7,494	1,484	100.0	69,526	73,056	1,509	100.0	100,105	110,146
Under \$5,000.....	23	13.3	66	66	194	12.4	514	514	162	10.3	464	464
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	87	50.3	1,051	1,051	688	46.4	8,658	8,658	661	42.1	8,013	8,013
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	47	27.2	2,223	2,223	453	30.5	21,574	21,574	524	33.4	25,809	25,809
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	16	9.2	3,885	4,154	154	10.5	34,033	38,163	213	13.6	54,873	58,914
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	3	0.2	4,777	4,777	9	0.6	16,346	16,346
Wholesale Trade.....	70	100.0	2,228	2,228	738	100.0	26,116	26,104	732	100.0	31,555	32,900
Under \$5,000.....	11	15.7	27	27	119	16.1	309	309	75	10.2	216	216
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	35	50.0	449	449	348	47.2	4,616	4,616	321	43.9	4,176	4,176
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	19	27.2	841	841	218	29.5	10,727	10,727	209	28.7	13,192	13,192
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	5	7.1	911	911	53	7.2	10,464	10,542	67	9.2	13,971	15,406
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Retail Trade.....	402	100.0	5,685	5,685	3,136	100.0	53,519	53,529	2,809	100.0	48,298	48,360
Under \$5,000.....	104	25.9	265	265	839	26.8	2,293	2,293	711	25.3	2,014	2,014
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	230	57.2	2,518	2,518	1,748	55.7	20,094	20,094	1,626	57.9	18,804	18,804
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	68	16.9	2,902	2,902	497	15.8	21,263	21,263	420	15.2	18,734	18,734
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	..	..	..	..	52	1.7	9,869	9,879	46	1.6	8,746	8,808
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Construction.....	91	100.0	1,233	1,233	597	100.0	14,464	14,564	514	100.0	16,932	16,936
Under \$5,000.....	27	29.7	79	79	123	20.6	339	339	106	20.6	282	282
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	47	51.6	501	501	308	51.6	3,729	3,729	260	50.6	3,232	3,232
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	17	18.7	653	653	138	23.1	5,887	5,887	123	23.9	5,482	5,482
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	..	..	..	..	28	4.7	4,509	4,609	23	4.5	5,493	5,497
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	0.4	2,443	2,443
Commercial Service.....	51	100.0	2,077	2,077	490	100.0	12,847	15,204	483r	100.0	18,677r	18,718r
Under \$5,000.....	12	23.5	38	38	117	23.9	332	332	108	22.4	294	294
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	29	54.9	366	366	248	50.6	2,982	2,982	229	47.4	2,643	2,643
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	10	19.6	323	323	108	22.0	4,804	4,804	125	25.0	5,900	5,900
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	..	..	..	..	16	3.3	3,319	3,316	19	3.9	3,514	3,555
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	1	2.0	1,350	1,350	1	0.2	1,350	1,350	2r	0.4	6,317r	6,317r
Total United States.....	787	100.0	18,448	18,717	6,445	100.0	176,472	183,147	6,107r	100.0	221,567r	227,150r
Under \$5,000.....	177	22.5	475	475	1,382	21.5	3,787	3,787	1,162	19.0	3,270	3,270
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	427	54.3	4,885	4,885	3,140	51.8	40,049	40,049	3,097	50.7	37,468	37,468
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	161	20.4	6,942	6,942	1,414	21.9	64,255	64,255	1,467	24.0	69,126	69,126
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	21	2.7	4,796	5,065	305	4.7	62,254	68,929	368	6.1	96,597	92,180
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	1	0.1	1,350	1,350	4	0.1	6,127	6,127	13r	0.2	25,106r	25,106r

(r) Revised.

Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry—August 1950

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

Districts	Mining & Manufacturing		Wholesale Trade		Retail Trade		Construction		Commercial Service		Total United States	
	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.
Boston.....(11).....	14	425	5	177	35	482	4	49	5	103	65	1,236
New York.....(12).....	76	3,752	13	634	123	1,042	14	254	16	238	242	6,500
Philadelphia.....(13).....	11	557	1	10	8	49	..	..	..	..	20	616
Cleveland.....(14).....	9	282	8	136	16	247	5	62	2	8	835	835
Richmond.....(15).....	2	110	5	68	16	301	4	23	3	45	30	637
Atlanta.....(16).....	5	349	2	45	22	510	35	34	1	12	37	150
Chicago.....(17).....	17	905	8	659	52	692	9	124	6	94	92	2,474
St. Louis.....(18).....	2	32	2	23	15	144	4	77	..	..	23	296
Minneapolis.....(19).....	2	90	1	10	8	82	1	39	..	..	12	185
Kansas City.....(10).....	4	102	3	44	10	147	2	19	..	..	19	242
Dallas.....(11).....	1	32	3	112	5	77	1	11	1	10	11	242
San Francisco.....(12).....	20	519	19	311	92	1,422	41	576	17	1,567	198	4,415
Total United States.....	173	7,225	70	2,228	402	5,685	91	1,233	51	2,077	787	18,448

Dun's Failure Index

(Apparent Annual Number of Failures per 10,000 Enterprises)

	Unadjusted Index					Adjusted Index*				
	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941
January.....	38.5	25.7	16.7	10.2	4.7	5.1	7.7	36.0	23.8	15.3
February.....	41.0	35.2	23.0	13.9	6.1	4.8	8.6	34.5	29.8	19.5
March.....	36.4	26.4	21.3	12.4	4.8	5.0	6.3	35.4	32.9	17.5
April.....	36.0	28.1	18.5	13.5	4.5	5.7	8.2	33.0	35.0	17.0
May.....	37.6	34.9	20.2	18.2	4.7	4.4	9.3	35.5	33.2	19.2
June.....	31.2	35.7	21.0	14.1	3.8	3.7	7.2	31.5	36.1	21.2
July.....	31.2	32.2	18.9	14.0	3.9	4.5	5.7	33.5	34.6	20.3
August.....	32.7	33.5	19.6	13.4	4.6	3.2	4.8	37.2	38.1	22.3
September.....	..	32.7	18.4	14.2	5.4	4.0	4.9	..	38.5	21.9
October.....	..	35.7	21.1	15.3	6.2	3.7	4.8	..	39.7	24.0
November.....	..	40.5	22.9	17.3	5.9	3.8	5.0	..	40.5	22.9
December.....	..	33.0	22.3	14.8	7.4	2.5	6.0	..	34.0	23.5
No. Average.....	35.6	34.4	20.4	14.3	5.2	4.2	6.5	..	..	..

(*) Adjusted for seasonal variations.

TRADE ACTIVITY IN TWENTY-NINE REGIONS

EARLY FALL BUYING SPURS RISE

Spurred by the advent of Autumn and the coming of credit controls, shoppers increased their purchases in the first half of September. Durable goods continued to be especially popular. As in recent months, aggregate retail trade substantially surpassed the level of the same period a year ago.

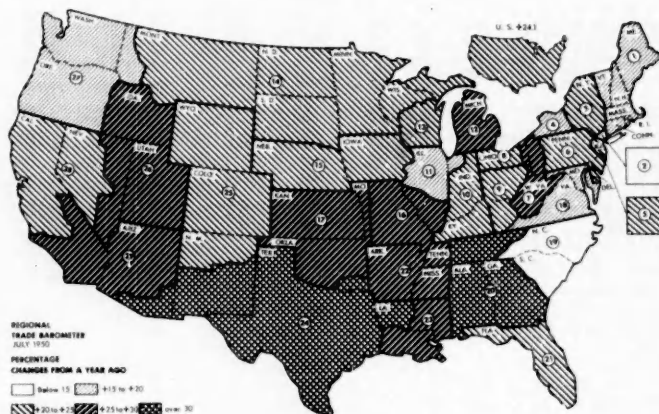
The volume of consumer spending in August, according to the seasonally adjusted DUN'S REVIEW Regional Trade Barometer, dipped slightly from the all-time high reached in the previous month. The preliminary barometer for August at 360.4 (1935-1939=100) was 2.0 per cent below the record of 367.7 set in July; however, it was 26.7 per cent above that of August 1949. The barometer is adjusted for the number of business days occurring in each month.

The total volume of retail trade in August rose to the record level of \$12.5 billion. This compared with the \$12.2 billion spent by consumers on retail purchases during July and with \$10.6 billion in August 1949.

In July the DUN'S REVIEW Regional Trade Barometer, at 367.7 (final), attained a new all-time high for the third consecutive month. This exceeded the July 1949 barometer by 24.1 per cent and represented an 11.8 per cent rise from the previous month.

All but two of the 29 regions' barometers rose above their June levels. The two exceptions were the North and South Carolina Region (19), down 4.1 per cent from the preceding month, and the Northern New Jersey Region (5), which dipped 0.4 per cent.

The Texas Region (24) not only registered the largest monthly rise of 21.9 per cent, but exceeded the year ago level by 35.7 per cent, the sharpest year-to-year increment. Its barometer at 525.8 was an all-time high for any region. The Atlanta and Birmingham Region (20) was next highest.



REGIONAL TRADE BAROMETER COMPARISONS

Adjusted for Seasonal Variation
(1935-1939 = 100)

REGION	July 1950	Change from July 1949 %	June 1950	Change from June 1949 %	Comparison with U. S. %	1949 Retail Sales %
United States	367.7	+24.1	328.8	+11.8		100.0
1. New England	246.7	+19.2	240.7	+2.5	-32.9	7.4
2. New York City	265.1	+14.7	257.8*	+2.8	-27.9	9.4
3. Albany, Utica and Syracuse	305.1	+22.8	294.8	+5.5	-17.0	2.4
4. Buffalo and Rochester	299.8	+18.2	283.3	+5.8	-18.5	1.9
5. Northern New Jersey	235.3	+24.2	235.3	-0.4	-36.0	2.9
6. Philadelphia	318.9	+23.4	298.3	+6.9	-13.3	6.1
7. Pittsburgh	327.3	+27.9	282.8	+15.7	-11.0	3.8
8. Cleveland	385.6	+24.1	327.8	+17.6	+4.9	2.8
9. Cincinnati and Columbus	400.7	+24.5	342.6	+20.5	+9.0	3.1
10. Indianapolis and Louisville	408.0	+21.2	360.6	+13.1	+11.0	2.8
11. Chicago	320.3	+18.3	276.4	+15.9	-12.9	6.6
12. Detroit	412.5	+29.7	368.2*	+12.0	+12.2	4.1
13. Milwaukee	377.1	+21.4	346.4*	+8.9	+2.6	2.1
14. Minneapolis and St. Paul	331.0	+23.2	305.2	+8.5	-10.0	4.3
15. Iowa and Nebraska	359.3	+20.8	328.9*	+9.2	-2.3	3.0
16. St. Louis	362.0	+27.3	301.9	+19.9	-1.6	2.5
17. Kansas City	401.9	+28.2	361.2	+11.3	+9.3	3.1
18. Maryland and Virginia	312.4	+15.3	294.8	+6.0	-15.0	3.9
19. North and South Carolina	392.8	+14.4	409.5	-4.1	+6.8	2.3
20. Atlanta and Birmingham	491.2	+30.4	443.3*	+10.8	+33.6	3.5
21. Florida	454.4	+22.5	391.9	+15.9	+24.6	1.5
22. Memphis	421.6	+25.5	398.1	+5.9	+14.7	1.5
23. New Orleans	423.6	+28.8	375.8	+12.7	+15.2	1.2
24. Texas	525.8	+35.7	431.3	+21.9	+45.0	4.9
25. Denver	354.6	+21.7	304.2	+16.6	-3.6	1.4
26. Salt Lake City	341.7	+25.3	335.5	+1.8	-7.1	0.8
27. Portland and Seattle	388.1	+19.9	347.2	+11.8	+5.5	2.7
28. San Francisco	371.3	+23.7	342.5	+8.4	+1.0	3.7
29. Los Angeles	399.2	+29.9	351.0	+13.7	+8.6	4.3

* Revised

TRADE ACTIVITY — A REGIONAL SUMMARY

Region 1

JULY—Barometer rose slightly, well above 1949; 32.9% below U. S. Boston wholesale volume 10% above a year ago, Portland up 29%, Providence up 9%, New Haven up 6%, Hartford same.

AUGUST—Boston department store sales 15% above 1949, all New England up 11%. New plant expansions and increased order backlogs boosted industrial output to post-war highs. Collections steady with 1949.

Region 2

JULY—Barometer increased somewhat in month, substantially surpassed last year's level; 27.9% below U. S. barometer. New York City wholesale volume 40% above 1949, Bridgeport up 7%.

AUGUST—New York City department store sales 9% above a year ago; apparel store sales up 17%. Manufacturing output and employment above both month and year ago. Inventories up. Collections even with 1949.

Region 3

JULY—Barometer up 3.5% in month, considerably above 1949; 17.0% below U. S. Albany wholesale volume 10% above a year ago, Utica and Binghamton up 4%, Syracuse up 32%.

AUGUST—Syracuse department store sales 13% above a year ago. Production and order volume above 1949. Employment up slightly. Scattered labor disputes in Syracuse area. Collections somewhat slower than a year ago.

Region 4

JULY—Barometer rose appreciably, 18.2% above a year ago; 18.5% below U. S. Buffalo and Elmira wholesale volume slightly above 1949 level, Rochester volume 15% above last year.

AUGUST—Buffalo department store sales 8% above a year ago, Rochester sales up 12%. Buffalo flour output 48.1% above 1949. Buffalo steel production averaged 103.6% of capacity. Collections prompt as 1949.

Region 5

JULY—Barometer lowest of all regions, dipped perceptibly from month ago. Rise from year ago more than that for U. S. barometer; 36.0% below U. S. Newark order volume 40% above 1949.

AUGUST—Newark department stores sold 11% more than in 1949. Defense contracts spurred industrial production and employment above a year ago. Inventories steady in month and year. Collection rates even with 1949.

The DUN'S REVIEW Regional Trade Barometers are designed to reflect changes in consumer purchases of commodities in the United States and 29 regions. A description of the barometer and back figures are available without charge.

The regional trade summaries are based upon data collected and weighed by the local DUN & BRADSTREET offices. Department store sales, reported by the Federal Reserve District Banks, are for the four weeks ended September 2, 1950.

Region 6

JULY—Barometer rose 6.9%, considerably above a year ago; 13.3% below U. S. Philadelphia wholesale volume 12% above 1949, Wilmington up 8%; Trenton volume 6% below last year.

AUGUST—Philadelphia department store sales 13% above a year ago; apparel store sales up 4%. Philadelphia steel output averaged 91.6% of capacity. Employment up moderately. Collections more prompt than a year ago.

Region 7

JULY—Barometer up rather sharply in month, 27.9% above 1949; 11.0% below U. S. Pittsburgh wholesale volume 30% above a year ago, Wheeling up 15%, Erie and Youngstown up 8%.

AUGUST—Pittsburgh department store sales 21% above a year ago, Erie sales up 23%. Pittsburgh steel output averaged 98.2% of capacity, Youngstown 92.3%, Wheeling 101.4%. Collections more prompt than a year ago.

Region 8

JULY—Barometer well above a month and a year ago; 4.9% above U. S. barometer. Cleveland wholesale volume 10% above a year ago, Akron up 16%, Canton up 14%; Toledo volume down 1%.

AUGUST—Akron department store sales 19% above a year ago, Cleveland up 16%, Toledo up 10%. Cleveland steel output averaged 88.0% of capacity. War orders bolstered total production. Collections more prompt than in 1949.

Region 9

JULY—Barometer soared to record high for region, 24.5% above 1949; exceeded U. S. by 9.0%. Cincinnati wholesale volume 27% above a year ago, Columbus up 22%, Dayton up 5%.

AUGUST—Cincinnati department store sales 18% above 1949, Columbus sales up 14%. Manufacturing output up in month, well above a year ago. Employment increased moderately. Collections remained slower than 1949.

Region 10

JULY—Barometer rose 13.1%, surpassed year ago level by ample margin; 11.0% above U. S. Indianapolis wholesale volume 40% above a year ago, Louisville up 8%, Evansville up 75%.

AUGUST—Indianapolis department stores sold 16% more than in 1949, Louisville sales up 14%. Indianapolis production, order volume, and employment exceeded last year's levels. Collections less prompt than in 1949.

Region 11

JULY—Barometer moderately above month ago and year ago levels; 12.9% below U. S. Chicago wholesale volume exceeded that of 1949 by 20%, Rockford up 25%, Springfield 10% above 1949.

AUGUST—Chicago department store sales 13% above a year ago. Chicago steel output averaged 94.0% of capacity. New orders and over-all production above 1949. New employment record. Collections more prompt than in 1949.

Region 12

JULY—Barometer increased 12.0%, markedly up from year ago; 12.2% above U. S. barometer. Detroit wholesale volume 50% above 1949, Grand Rapids up 15%, Saginaw volume up 7%.

AUGUST—Detroit department store sales 20% above a year ago. Steel production in Detroit averaged 105.2% of capacity. Automobile output 26% above a year ago. Employment up. Collections more prompt than a year ago.

Region 13

JULY—Barometer rose appreciably in month, substantially above 1949 level; 2.6% above U. S. barometer. Madison wholesale volume 15% above a year ago, Milwaukee up 5%, Green Bay up 2%.

AUGUST—Milwaukee department store sales exceeded year ago comparatives by 24%. Manufacturers' inventories dipped slightly. Production and employment up in month and year. Collections slower than a year ago.

Region 14

JULY—Barometer 8.5% above month ago, well above a year ago; 10.0% below U. S. Minneapolis and St. Paul wholesale volume 3% above 1949, Duluth up 10%, Sioux Falls down 8%.

AUGUST—Department store sales in the Minneapolis Federal Reserve District 26% above a year ago. Minneapolis flour output 24.3% below 1949. Crop expectations down for lack of moisture. Collection rates even with 1949.

TRADE ACTIVITY — A REGIONAL SUMMARY

Region 15

JULY—Barometer up 9.2%, considerably above a year ago; 2.3% below U. S. Davenport wholesale volume 25% above 1949, Lincoln up 20%, Des Moines up 16%, Omaha and Cedar Rapids up 15%.

AUGUST—Retail dollar volume rose slightly in month, sharply above 1949. Industrial production up in month and year, employment increased moderately. Crop outlook generally favorable. Collections steady with 1949.

Region 16

JULY—Barometer rose noticeably in month, surpassed that of year ago by substantial increment; 1.6% below barometer for U. S. St. Louis wholesale volume 15% above year ago level.

AUGUST—St. Louis department store sales 11% above a year ago. St. Louis steel output averaged 89.6% of capacity. Placement of defense orders stimulated heavy goods manufacture. Collections more prompt than in 1949.

Region 17

JULY—Barometer registered marked increases from month and year ago; 9.3% above U. S. Kansas City wholesale volume 10% above a year ago, Oklahoma City up 6%, St. Joseph up 5%.

AUGUST—Department store sales for Kansas City and Oklahoma City up 11% from 1949; St. Joseph down 4%. Kansas City flour output 20.5% below 1949, Wichita down 14.1%, Salina down 6.2%. Collections slower than in 1949.

Region 18

JULY—Barometer up in month and year; 15.0% below U. S. Washington wholesale volume 8% above a year ago, Baltimore up 6%, Richmond and Roanoke up 4%, Norfolk volume 1% above 1949.

AUGUST—Baltimore department store sales 11% above a year ago, Washington sales up 9%. Manufacturing output and order volume up in month and year. Employment moderately above 1949. Collections slower than a year ago.

Region 19

JULY—Barometer dropped 4.1%, well above a year ago; 6.8% above U. S. Charlotte wholesale volume 10% above a year ago, Charleston up 8%, Winston-Salem up 5%; Greensboro down 1%.

AUGUST—Retail dollar volume rose moderately in month and year. Manufacturers operating on full schedules. Employment above last year's level. Tobacco crop outlook favorable. Collections prompter than in 1949.

Region 20

JULY—Barometer increased moderately, 30.4% above a year ago; exceeded U. S. by 33.6%. Atlanta wholesale volume 45% above 1949, Birmingham up 25%, Mobile up 20%, Nashville up 8%.

AUGUST—Atlanta department store sales 13% above a year ago, Birmingham up 19%, Nashville up 21%, Augusta up 9%. Steel output averaged 104% of capacity. Employment up slightly. Collections slower than year ago.

Region 21

JULY—Barometer substantially exceeded month ago and year ago; 23.6% above U. S. Jacksonville wholesale volume 2% above a year ago, Tampa up 30%, Miami volume exceeded 1949 level by 3%.

AUGUST—Jacksonville department store sales 5% above a year ago, Miami sales up 19%. Order volume and manufacturers' inventories steady. Production and employment up. Collections more prompt than in August of last year.

Region 22

JULY—Barometer rose somewhat in month, well above last year's comparative level; 14.7% above U. S. Memphis wholesale volume up 15% above a year ago, Little Rock noticeably above 1949.

AUGUST—Memphis department store sales 9% above a year ago, Little Rock sales up 8%. Manufacturing output and inventories above 1949 level. Employment even with month and year ago. Collections slower than in 1949.

Region 23

JULY—Barometer considerably surpassed month and year ago levels; 15.2% above U. S. Wholesale volume for New Orleans 10% above 1949 volume, Jackson exceeded last year by 5%.

AUGUST—New Orleans department store sales practically unchanged from 1949 comparative period. Louisiana crude oil production 23.9% above a year ago. Employment steady in month. Collections slower than a year ago.

Region 24

JULY—Barometer at new high for any region and any month on record; exceeded U. S. by 43%. Shreveport wholesale volume 65% above 1949, Houston up 50%, El Paso up 25%, Dallas up 10%.

AUGUST—Dallas department store sales 15% above a year ago, Fort Worth up 19%, Houston up 18%, San Antonio up 12%. Texas crude oil output 35.6% above a year ago. Cotton below 1949. Collections slower than 1949.

Region 25

JULY—Barometer moderately above a month ago, considerably exceeded 1949 level; 3.6% below U. S. barometer. Denver wholesale volume 13% above a year ago, Albuquerque volume up 1%.

AUGUST—Denver department store sales 11% above last year's level. Industrial production rose slightly in month, appreciably above 1949. Nonagricultural employment increased. Collections slightly less prompt than in 1949.

Region 26

JULY—Barometer inched upward very slightly in month; compared favorably with year ago level; 7.1% below barometer for U. S. Salt Lake City wholesale volume exceeded 1949 by 16%.

AUGUST—Salt Lake City department store sales 11% above a year ago. Manufacturing output even with month and year ago. Order volume up. Inventories below 1949. Employment steady. Collections less prompt than a year ago.

Region 27

JULY—Barometer moderately exceeded month and year ago; 5.5% above U. S. Tacoma wholesale volume 8% above 1949, Seattle up 6%, Spokane up 5%, Portland volume 4% above 1949.

AUGUST—Department store sales in Seattle 11% above a year ago, Spokane sales up 8%, Portland up 4%. Seattle-Tacoma flour output 19.6% below a year ago, Portland output up 21.2%. Collections more prompt than 1949.

Region 28

JULY—Barometer increased 8.4% in month, well above that of a year ago; 1.0% above U. S. Wholesale volume for Fresno and Sacramento 10% above 1949, San Francisco up 20% from year ago.

AUGUST—San Francisco department store sales 12% above a year ago, Oakland sales up 9%. Orders received by manufacturers well above 1949 levels; output and employment up markedly. Collections less prompt than year ago.

Region 29

JULY—Barometer up considerably in month and year; exceeded barometer for U. S. by 8.6%. Los Angeles and San Diego wholesale volume 5% above 1949 level; Phoenix volume 2% below year ago.

AUGUST—Los Angeles department store sales 15% above a year ago, San Diego sales up 6%. California crude oil production 0.8% below a year ago. Aircraft industry steadily expanding. Collections more prompt than in 1949.